

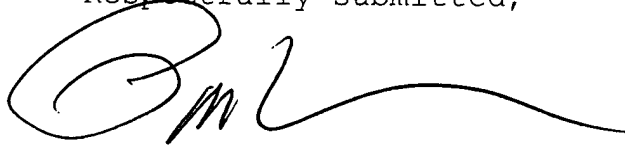
## REMARKS

This divisional application is directed to an invention originally disclosed in prior application number 08/276,440 filed July 18, 1994.

This invention is similar to granted US patent 6,539,442. However, this invention has the advantage that the CD-ROM apparatus can be connected to the IDE interface of the personal computer as a master or a slave and the CD-ROM apparatus is selected by switching only a drive selection bit in the IDE interface by a CD-ROM drive independently from a BIOS of the personal computer.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this Preliminary Amendment and indicate allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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